

Media release

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## Diverse leaders chosen for iconic leadership program

Thirty-three leaders from diverse industries, communities and backgrounds have been selected to undertake the iconic Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP) announced Matt Linnegar, Chief Executive of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation.

The ARLP is a 15-month leadership program which takes place across Australia and Indonesia, immersing rural, regional and remote leaders in a series of unique experiences to develop their leadership capabilities.

“The selected leaders have undergone a rigorous selection process to be chosen for Course 24 of the ARLP. They come from all walks of life and these unique backgrounds will make for a rich and diverse program,” said Matt.

“These leaders are sponsored by our generous partners, who provide a \$55,000 scholarship for each participant to undertake the program. Our partners believe that developing leaders is crucial for the greater good of rural, regional and remote Australia.”

During the program the participants will develop as leaders through challenging their own behaviours, thinking and actions, and those of others. They will develop relationships to form a network of supportive leaders.

“Throughout the program the leaders will travel to locations across Australia, including the remote Kimberley region in Western Australia and to Indonesia for the international component of the program,” said Matt.

The participants will commence their first session of the program in Darwin in July, before travelling to the Kimberley region for an experiential component of the program.

### ARLP Course 24

Name	Location	Sponsor
Nathan Adams	Augusta WA	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
Dr Cameron Bell	Spring Gully VIC	VIC Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
Owen Brinson	Silvan VIC	The William Buckland Foundation

Andrew Bulmer	Calulu VIC	Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
Timothy Chaffey	Quirindi NSW	Cotton Research and Development Corporation, Auscott Limited and Cotton Australia
Belinda Chambers	Rutherglen VIC	Wine Australia
Dale Chapman	Pomona QLD	Australian Government Prime Minister and Cabinet
Dr Alexander Dunn	Weipa QLD	Prime Super
Timothy Ferraro	Dubbo NSW	NSW Local Land Services
Luke Gaynor	Wagga Wagga NSW	NSW Department of Primary Industries
Katherine Gunn	Curlewis NSW	Grains Research and Development Corporation
Ronald Hibma	Sale VIC	Gardiner Foundation
Barbara Howard	Perth WA	Australia Council for the Arts
Amanda Johnston	Cloverdale WA	CBH Group
Paula Johnston	Belgian Gardens QLD	James Cook University
Simone Jolliffe	Euberta NSW	Dairy Australia
Rachel Kelly	Moama NSW	Ricegrower's Association of Australia
David Kimmorley	Hannaford QLD	Meat and Livestock Australia
Stacey Lugsdin	Hay NSW	Australian Wool Innovation
Richard Malone	Griffith NSW	Cotton Research and Development Corporation, Auscott Limited and Cotton Australia
Johani Mamid	Broome WA	Australian Government Prime Minister and Cabinet
William McCrohon	Merungle Hill NSW	Australian Lot Feeders' Association
Patricia McKenzie	Cunnamulla QLD	Meat and Livestock Australia
Grant Melrose	Warwick QLD	Australian Meat Processor Corporation
Rebecca Milliken	Wagga Wagga NSW	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

Donna Murray	Wanniassa ACT	Australian Government Prime Minister and Cabinet
Freda Nicholls	Jones Creek NSW	Woolworths
Lynda O'Brien	Charters Towers QLD	Meat and Livestock Australia
Jason Phieler	Aireys Inlet VIC	Australian Government Department of Health
Aaron Scheid	Dalby QLD	Australian Pork Limited
Lillian Shibasaki	Thursday Island QLD	Torres Strait Regional Authority
Kirrilee Warr	Yuna WA,	Grains Research and Development Corporation
Katherine Waterhouse	Canberra ACT	Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

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